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LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF FODDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is scarcity of fodder;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to prevent deaths of animals due to shortage of fodder; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The reasons for shortage of fodder in the country, inter alia, are increase in the livestock population and insufficient cultivable land being devoted of fodder production.

(c)&(d): The Government has not received any report of animal deaths due to shortage of fodder. However, a number of measures have been taken to augment fodder production in the country. These include activities of the seven Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration in different regions of the country and one Central Fodder Seed Production Farm, Central Minikit Testing Programme and the Centrally sponsored Fodder Development Scheme.